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### 1 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was 3 degrees above zero at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather with light rains and fog prevailed in the Belorussian SSR.

Daytime temperatures were 2 degrees above zero in Vitebsk, 3 in MogiZev and Minsk, 4 in Polotsk, 5 in Gomel', 6 in Pinsk, and 7 in Grodno.(2)

On 30 November, mostly cloudy weather prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. During the morning, snow fell in some localities. Temperatures in the mountain regions of the republic ranged between one and five degrees below zero both during the night and during the day, and temperatures in the steppe regions ranged between zero and 2 degrees below zero during the night and between zero and 3 degrees above zero during the day.(3)

### 2 December

Yesterday during the day, cloudy with clearing weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Rains were recorded in some localities, Temperatures at 1500 hours were 5 degrees above zero in Gomel' and Polotsk, 6 in Mogilev and Minsk, 7 in Bobruysk, Grodno, and Baranovichi, and 8 in Pinsk and Brest.(2)

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On 1 December, variable cloudiness without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures ranged between 5 and 10 degrees below zero during the night and between one degree below zero and 3 degrees above zero during the day.(3)

# 3 December

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This morning, overcast weather with snow and strong winds in some localities prevailed in the eastern regions of the European USSR.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was one degree below zero. It was 5 degrees above at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy with clearing weather with little precipitation prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 3 degrees above zero in Vitebsk, 4 in Mogilev, 5 in Grodno, Gomel' and Minsk, and 7 in Lel'chitsy and Brest.(2)

### 4 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 4 degrees above zero; it was 5 degrees at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy with clearing weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light rains fell in the northern portion of the republic. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 5 degrees above zero in Vitebsk and Polotsk, 6 in Mogilev, 7 in Minsk and Baranovichi, 8 in Bobruysk and Brest, 9-in Grodno and Pinsk, and 10 in Mozyr.(2)

During the last 24 hours, mostly cloudy weather prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Rains fell in some localities in the lowlands and snow fell in the mountain regions. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures during the night ranged between 6 and 11 degrees below zero in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR and between zero and 4 below in the rest of the republic. Daytime temperatures ranged between 3 and 7 degrees below zero in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR and between 1 and 6 degrees above zero in the rest of the republic.(3)

### 5 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 3 degrees above zero; it was 6 degrees above at noon today.(1)

On 4 December, variable cloudiness without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. During the morning, fog was recorded in some localities. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 15 and 20 degrees below zero during the night and between 3 and 10 below during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between one degree above zero and 0 degrees below during the night and between 3 and 8 degrees above zero during.

## 6 December

Yesterday during the day, cloudy with clearing weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light rains fell in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 6 degrees above zero in Minsk and Mogilev, 7 in Grodno, 8 in Gomel', ... Vitebsk, Polotsk, and Brest, and 10 in Pinsk.(2)

On 5 December, variable cloudiness without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 15 and 20 degrees below zero during the

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night and between 4 and 9 below during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between 2 degrees above zero and 7 degrees below zero during the night and between 4 and 12 degrees above zero during the day.(3)

#### 7 December

. Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 4 degrees below zero; it was 2 below at noon today.(1)

### 8 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 2 degrees below zero; it was 2 degrees above at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, variable cloudiness prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Fog was recorded in some localities in the western portion of the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 3 degrees below zero in Grodno, 2 below in Baranovichi and Vitebsk, one below in Minsk, Bobruysk, Brest, Polotsk, and Slavgorod, and zero in Lel'chitsy and Gomel'.(2)

On 7 December, cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 12 and 18 degrees below zero during the night and between 7 and 12 below during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between 2 degrees below zero and 4 degrees above zero during the night and between 5 and 10 degrees above during the day.(3)

#### 9 December

Yesterday during the day, cloudy with clearing weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Fogs were recorded in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 1 degrees below zero in Minsk, 3 below in Baranovichi and Bobruysk, 2 below in Grodno, one below in Polotsk, zero in Brest and Pinsk, and one degree above zero in Zhitkovichi.(2)

On 8 December, cloudy weather with precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 8 and 14 degrees below zero during the night and between 2 and 7 below during the day. During the last 24 hours, temperatures in the lowlands ranged between zero and 4 degrees above zero.(3)

On 8 December, cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed in the Estonian SSR. Light to moderate westerly winds were recorded. Daytime temperatures ranged between 5 and 7 degrees above zero.(4)

### 10 December

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This morning, cloudy weather prevailed in most of the European USSR. Temperatures dropped in the northern regions of the European USSR. Snow was recorded in some localitics in the northwestern, central, and eastern regions of the European USSR. Fog was recorded in the Baltic republics and the Baltic results and Ukrain an SSRs.

Temperatures at 0700 hours this morning were 13 degrees below zero in Nar'yan-Mar, 12 below in Syktywkar, 5 below in Molotov, 4 below in Kiev, 3 below in Minsk, Khar'kov, Rostov, and Chkalov, 2 below in Eaku, one below in Astrakhan', zero in Murmansk, Riga, and Kuybyshev, one degree above zero in Leningrad and L'vov, 3 in Odessa and 4 in Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was zero; it was one degree above zero at noon today.(1)

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### 11 December

Temperatures at 0700 hours this morning were 20 degrees below zero in Molotov, 17 below in Kirov, 16 below in Kazan', 15 below in Cheboksary, 10 below in Kostroma, 9 below in Vologda and Kuybyshev, 7 below in Orel, 6 below in Leningrad and Minsk, 5 below in Smolensk, 4 below in Riga, 3 below in Kiev, 1 below in Arkhangel'sk, 1 degree above zero in Dnepropetrovsk, 2 in Novorossiysk, and 4 in Odessa and Sochi.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow and the temperature at noon to-day were both 8 degrees below zero.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather with fog and precipitation prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 7 degrees below zero in Vitebsk, 6 below in Polotsk, 5 below in Mogilev, 2 below in Minsk and Gomel', one degree above zero in Pinsk and 3 above in Brest.(2)

### 12 December

This morning, warm, cloudy weather with light precipitation in some localities prevailed in the Baltic republics, the Belorussian SSR, and the western portion of the Ukrainian SSR. Slightly cloudy weather with light to moderate subzero temperatures prevailed in the central regions of the European USSR, the eastern portion of the Ukrainian SSR, and the Lower Volga Region. Overcest weather with snowfalls was recorded in the Middle Volga Region and Kirovskaya and Molotovskaya oblasts. Warm weather with precipitation in the form of rain and wet snow fell in the northern portion of the European USSR.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 8 degrees below zero; it was 5 degrees below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Fog and light precipitation were recorded in some localities in the western portion. Daytime temperatures were 3 degrees below zero in Polotsk, Vitebsk, Mogilev, Baranovichi, and Pinsk, 2 below in Minsk, Gomel', and Bobruysk, 1 below in Grodno and Mozyr, and 3 degrees above zero in Brest.(2)

On 11 December, slightly cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR.(3)

#### 13 December

Yesterday during the day, slightly cloudy with clearing weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 1 degree below zero in Polotsk, 3 below in Gomel', Minsk, and Mogilev, 2 below in Bobruysk, 1 below in Grodno, zero in Pinsk, and one degree above zero in Brest.(2)

On 12 December, cloudy weather with precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 10 and 15 degrees below zero during the day and between 15 and 20 below during the night. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between zero and 5 degrees above zero during the day and between zero and 5 degrees below zero during the night. (3)

On 12 December, cloudy, dry weather with light winds prevailed in the Estonian SSR. Daytime temperatures ranged between 1 and 2 degrees below zero. (4)

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### 14 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow as well as the temperature at noon today were both  $\delta$  degrees below zero.(1)

### 15 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 6 degrees below zero; it was 4 below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, slightly cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 10 degrees below zero in Bobruysk, 8 below in Polotsk, Vitebsk, Mogilev, and Gomel', 6 below in Minsk, 2 below in Grodno, and 2 degrees above zero in Brest.(2)

On 14 December, cloudy weather with precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 9 and 11 degrees below zero during the night and between 6 and 8 below during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between 2 degrees below zero and 2 degrees above zero during the night and were about zero during the day.(3)

### 16 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow and the temperature at noon today were both 5 degrees below zero.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather without any substantial precipitation prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 8 degrees below zero in Polotsk, 6 below in Minsk, Grodno, Vitebsk, and Borisov, 5 below in Lida, Brest, Pinsk, and Slutsk, and 4 below in Gomel', Mozyr, and Bobruysk.(2)

On 15 December, cloudy with clearing weather prevailed in the Azerbaydhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 6 and 10 degrees below zero during the night and between 2 and 6 below during the day. During the last 24 hours, temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between zero and 5 degrees above zero.(3)

### 17 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow and the temperature at noon today were both 7 degrees below zero.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light snow was recorded in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 8 degrees below zero in Mogilev and Gomel', 7 below in Minsk and Vitebsk, 6 below in Baranovichi and Polotsk, 5 below in Pinsk, 4 below in Grodno, and 3 below in Brest.(2)

On 16 December, cloudy weather, with precipitation for the most part, prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Fog was recorded in some localities. Light winds were also recorded. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 4 and 9 degrees below zero during the night and between 2 and 6 degrees below during the day. During the last 24 hours, temperatures in the steppe regions were about zero.(3)

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### 18 December

This morning, cloudy weather with slightly below zero temperatures prevailed in most of the European USSR. Light snow fell in some localities. Fog was recorded in some localities in the Lithuanian SSR and the eastern portion of the European USSR.

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 5 degrees below zero; it was 9 degrees below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light snowfalls with fog were recorded in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 10 degrees below zero in Mozyr and Bobruysk, 9 below in Vitebsk, Mogilev, Gomel' and Baranovichi, 8 below in Minsk, Polotsk, Grodno, Pinsk, and Volozhin, and 7 below in Brest.(2)

### 19 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow and the temperature at noon today were both 8 degrees below zero.(1)

Yesterday during the day, overcast weather with light snowfalls prevailed in the Belorussian SSR.

Everywhere temperatures at 1500 hours ranged between 9 and 10 degrees below zero.(2)  $\,$ 

On 18 December, variable cloudiness without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures ranged between zero and 5 degrees below zero during the night and were about zero during the day. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 7 and 10 degrees below zero during the night and between 2 and 6 degrees below zero during the day.(3)

On 18 December, cloudy weather without precipitation was recorded in the Estonian SSR. Light winds were recorded. Daytime temperatures ranged between 4 and 6 degrees below zero.(4)

### 20 December

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather with light snowfalls prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 12 degrees below zero in Minsk and Grodno, 11 below in Pinsk, 10 below in Brest, Mogilev, and Polotsk, and 9 below in Gomel'.(2)

On 19 December, cloudy weather prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Rain fell in some localities. Light winds were recorded.(3)

### 21 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 10 degrees below zero; it was 12 degrees below at noon today.(1)

### 23 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow and the temperature at noon today were both 11 degrees below zero.(1)

Yesterday cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light snow-falls and fog were recorded in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 7 degrees below zero in Bychikha, 6 below in Polotsk, 5 below in Minsk, Baranovichi, and Lel'chitsy, 4 below in Mogilev and Pinsk, and 2 below in Grodno.(2)

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Yesterday, cloudy weather prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Rain and wet snow fell in some localities. Light winds were recorded. During the last 24 hours, temperatures ranged between 2 and 7 degrees below zero in the mountain regions and between zero and 1 degree below zero in the steppe regions.

On 22 December, cloudy weather prevailed in the Estonian SSR. Light snow fell in some localities. Light southeasterly and easterly winds were recorded. Daytime temperatures ranged between 9 and 12 degrees below zero.(4)

### 24 December

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Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 14 degrees below zero; it was 13 below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather with snowfalls prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 8 degrees below zero in Orsha, 7 below in Borisov and Mogilev, 6 below in Polotsk, Vitebsk, and Minsk, 5 below in Gomel', Bobruysk, and Brest, 4 below in Slutsk and 3 below in Mozyr.(2)

On 23 December, considerable cloudiness prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light rain fell in some localities in the eastern portion of the republic. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 7 and 14 degrees below zero during the night and between 3 degrees below zero and 2 degrees above zero during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between zero and 4 degrees above zero during the day.(3)

#### 25 December

Last right's lowest temperature in Moscow was 17 degrees below zero; it was 15 below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light snowfalls were recorded almost everywhere. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 10 degrees below zero in Gomel', 9 below in Vitebsk, 8 below in Mogilev, Polotsk, and Minsk and 5 below in Grodno and Brest.(2)

Yesterday, variable cloudiness without precipitation prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 6 and 11 degrees below zero during the night and zero and 5 degrees below zero during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between 1 and 5 degrees below zero during the night and between 1 and 4 degrees above zero during the day.(3)

On 24 December, cloudy weather with rising temperatures beginning in the western portion of the republic prevailed in the Estonian SSR. Light southerly winds were recorded. Temperatures in the western portion of the republic were about zero and ranged between 5 and 7 degrees below zero in the rest of the republic.(4)

## 26 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 17 degrees below zero; it was 14 below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, mostly overcast weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light snow fell in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were ll degrees below zero in Kostyukovichi, 10 below in Gorki, 9 below in Mogilev and Gomel', 8 below in Mozyr, Bobruysk, and Vitebsk, 7 below in Minsk and Polotsk, and 5 below in Brest and Grodno.(2)

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Cn 25 December, variable cloudiness without precipitation rrevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were renorded. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 2 and 7 degrees below zero during the night and between zero and 5 below during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between zero and 2 degrees below zero during the night and between 1 and 6 degrees above zero during the day.(3)

# 27 December

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Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather with precipitation prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 10 degrees below zero in Gomel', 9 below in Mogilev, 7 below in Vitebsk and Lel'chitsy, 6 below in Minsk and Slutsk, 5 below in Grodno and Pinsk, and 3 below in Brest.(2)

On 26 December, cloudy weather prevailed in the Estonian SSR. Light winds, and fog in some localities, were recorded. Temperatures were about zero.(4)

## 28 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 11 degrees below zero; it was 10 below at noon today.(1)

#### 29 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 9 degrees below zero; it was 8 below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather with snowfalls prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 6 degrees below zero in Vitebsk, Mogilev, and Borisov, 5 below in Minsk, Bobruysk, and Gomel', 4 below in Mozyr, 2 below in Slutsk, one below in Lida, and one degree above zero in Brest.(2)

On 28 December, slightly cloudy weather without precipitation prevailed for the most part in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Temperatures ranged between zero and 5 degrees below zero.(3)

### 30 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 10 degrees below zero; it was 8 degrees below at noon today.(1)

Yesterday during the day, cloudy weather prevailed in the Belorussian SSR. Light snowfalls were recorded in some localities. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 8 degrees below zero in Scharkovshchin, 6 below in Polotsk, 5 below in Vitebsk, zero in Minsk, Mogilev, and Grodno, and one degree above zero in Gomel', Brest, and Pinsk.(2)

On 29 December, variable cloudiness, without precipitation for the most part, prevailed in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Light winds were recorded. Temperatures in the mountain regions ranged between 2 and 8 degrees below zero both during the night and during the day. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 8 and 15 degrees below zero both during the night and during the day. (3)

#### 31 December

Last night's lowest temperature in Moscow was 8 degrees below zero; it was 7 below at noon today.(1)

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Yesterday during the lay, cloudy weather accompanied by light snowfalls and fog in some localities prevailed in the Bolorussian SSR. Temperatures at 1500 hours were 9 degrees below zero in Lyntupi, 8 below in Grodno and Volozhin, 7 below in Polotsk, 6 below in Vitebsk, Minsk, and Baranovichi, 5 below in Mogilev and Bobruysk, 4 below in Gomel', Pinsk, and Brest, 2 below in Mozyr, and zero in Lel'chitsy.(2)

On 30 December, slightly cloudy, dry weather prevailed for the most part in the Azerbaydzhan SSR. Fogs were recorded in some localities in the mountain regions. Temperatures in the Nakhichevanskaya ASSR ranged between 18 and 22 degrees below zero during the night and between 14 and 18 degrees below during the day. Temperatures in the rest of the republic ranged between 3 and 8 degrees below zero during the night and between 2 degrees below zero and 2 degrees above zero during the day. (3)



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